We Claim:

1. A method of automatically processing an image comprising locating within the image features having a high spatial variance and stroking the image with a series of brush strokes emanating from those areas having high spatial variance.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said brush stroke have decreasing sizes near important features of the image.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said brush strokes include opacity and bump maps for added realism.

4. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the position of a predetermined portion of brush strokes undergoes random jittering.